

## Testimony for SB 27

Wednesday, January 12, 2011, 9 am, Room 422  
Senate Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs Committee

Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, my name is Steve Martinez. I am a resident of Kalispell, practicing Acupuncture there since 1991. Montana licensed the independent practice of Acupuncture in 1974. The Board of Medical Examiners has been our licensing Board since that time, with the Acupuncture Association having a Liaison to the Board. In that 38 year period we have had a good working relationship with the Board and our members have conducted themselves professionally throughout the state. We are beginning to prove the value of Acupuncture to the Medical community. In the last year Kalispell Regional Medical Center has added two Acupuncturists to it pain clinics staff. Being invited to have a voting seat on the Board of Medical Examiners is a natural next step for our Profession. I thank the Board of Medical Examiners for supporting this bill and I hope you also will. Please support Senate Bill 27.

Steve MARTINEZ